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For: DIOXOLANE ANALOGS FOR IMPROVED INTER-CELLULAR DELIVERY

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 28, 2004, please consider the following arguments and remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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